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1	287,046	10/23/1883	Norton
2	1,088,393	02/24/1914	Backus
3	1,331,401	02/17/1920	Summers
4	2,087,074	07/13/1937	Tucker
5	2,453,227	11/09/1948	James
6	2,684,070	07/20/1954	Kelsey
7	2,944,311	07/12/1960	Schneckenberger
8	2,969,887	01/31/1961	Darmstadt et al.
9	3,015,403	01/02/1962	Fuller
10	3,142,878	08/04/1967	Santora
11	3,482,428	12/09/1969	Kapitanov et al.
12	3,586,002	06/22/1971	Wood
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13	3,604,425	09/14/1971	Le Roy

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14	3,677,243	09/24/1971	Nerz
15	3,757,629	09/11/1973	Schneider
16	3,805,337	04/23/1974	Branstetter
17	3,944,114	03/16/1976	Coppens
18	4,014,492	03/29/1977	Rothfuss
19	4,192,315	03/11/1980	Hilzinger et al.
20	4,207,870	06/17/1980	Eldridge
21	4,217,902	08/19/1980	March
22	4,278,091	07/14/1981	Borzone
23	4,318,401	03/09/1982	Zimmerman
24	4,345,606	08/24/1982	Littleford
25	4,396,139	08/02/1983	Hall et al.
26	4,411,654	10/25/1983	Boarini et al.
27	4,412,832	11/01/1983	Kling et al.
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28	4,428,376	01/31/1984	Mericle

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29	4,485,816	12/04/1984	Krumme
30	4,505,273	03/19/1985	Braun et al.
31	4,505,274	03/19/1985	Speelman
32	4,523,695	06/18/1985	Braun et al.
33	4,525,157	06/25/1985	Valaincourt
34	4,586,503	05/06/1986	Kirsch et al.
35	4,607,638	08/26/1986	Crainich
36	4,610,251	09/09/1986	Kumar
37	4,610,252	09/09/1986	Catalano
38	4,665,906	05/19/1987	Jervis
39	4,687,469	08/18/1987	Osycka
40	4,724,840	02/16/1988	McVay et al
41	4,738,658	04/19/1988	Magro et al.
42	4,744,364	05/17/1988	Kensey
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43	4,771,782	09/20/1988	Millar

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— 44	4,772,266	09/20/1988	Groshong
— 45	4,777,950	10/18/1988	Kees, Jr.
— 46	4,789,090	12/06/1988	Blake, III
— 47	4,832,688	05/23/1989	Sagae et al.
— 48	4,836,204	06/06/1989	Landymore et al.
— 49	4,852,568	08/01/1989	Kensey
— 50	4,860,746	08/29/1989	Yoon
— 51	4,865,026	09/12/1989	Barrett
— 52	4,874,122	10/17/1989	Froelich et al.
— 53	4,878,915	11/07/1989	Brantigan
— 54	4,887,601	12/19/1989	Richards
— 55	4,917,087	04/17/1990	Walsh et al.
— 56	4,934,364	06/19/1990	Green
— 57	4,950,258	08/21/1990	Kawai et al.
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— 58	5,007,921	04/16/1991	Brown

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59	5,015,247	05/14/1991	Michelson
60	5,021,059	06/04/1991	Kensey et al.
61	5,026,390	06/25/1991	Brown
62	5,053,008	10/01/1991	Bajaj
63	5,061,274	10/29/1991	Kensey
64	5,100,418	03/31/1992	Yoon et al.
65	5,108,420	04/28/1992	Marks
66	5,108,421	04/28/1992	Fowler
67	5,114,032	05/19/1992	Laidlaw
68	5,114,065	05/19/1992	Storace
69	5,131,379	07/21/1992	Sewell, Jr.
70	5,147,381	09/15/1992	Heimerl et al.
71	5,156,609	10/20/1992	Nakao et al.
72	5,167,634	12/01/1992	Corrigan, Jr. et al.
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73	5,167,643	12/01/1992	Lynn

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74	5,171,249	12/15/1992	Stefanchik et al.
75	5,176,648	01/05/1993	Holmes et al.
76	5,192,300	03/09/1993	Fowler
77	5,192,301	03/09/1993	Kamiya et al.
78	5,192,302	03/09/1993	Kensey et al.
79	5,209,756	05/11/1993	Seedhorm et al.
80	5,222,974	06/29/1993	Kensey et al.
81	5,243,857	02/28/1995	Velez
82	5,246,156	09/21/1993	Rothfuss et al.
83	5,246,443	09/21/1993	Mai
84	5,275,616	01/04/1994	Fowler
85	5,290,243	03/01/1994	Chodorow et al.
86	5,290,310	03/01/1994	Makower et al.
87	5,292,309	03/08/1994	Van Tassel et al.
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88	5,292,332	03/08/1994	Lee

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89	5,304,184	04/19/1994	Hathaway et al.
90	5,306,254	04/26/1994	Nash et al.
91	5,318,542	06/07/1994	Hirsch et al.
92	5,320,639	06/14/1994	Rudnick
93	5,334,216	08/02/1994	Vidal et al.
94	5,334,217	08/02/1994	Das
95	5,350,399	09/27/1994	Erlebacher et al.
96	5,352,229	10/04/1994	Goble et al.
97	5,366,458	11/22/1994	Korthoff et al.
98	5,366,479	11/22/1994	McGarry et al.
99	5,392,978	02/28/1995	Valez et al.
100	5,395,030	03/07/1995	Kuramoto et al.
101	5,411,520	05/02/1995	Nash et al.
102	5,413,571	05/09/1995	Katsaros et al.
/NTV/ 103	5,413,584	05/09/1995	Schulze

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104	5,416,584	05/16/1995	Kay
105	5,417,699	05/23/1995	Klein et al.
106	5,423,857	06/13/1995	Rosenman et al.
107	5,431,639	07/11/1995	Shaw
108	5,443,481	08/22/1995	Lee
109	5,456,400	10/10/1995	Shichman et al.
110	5,470,010	11/28/1995	Rothfuss et al.
111	5,474,557	12/12/1995	Mai
112	5,478,352	12/26/1995	Fowler
113	5,478,353	07/18/1994	Yoon et al.
114	5,478,354	12/26/1995	Tovey et al.
115	5,486,195	01/23/1996	Myers et al.
116	5,507,755	04/16/1996	Gresl et al.
117	5,522,840	06/04/1996	Krajicek
/VTV/118	5,527,322	06/18/1996	Klein et al.

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— 119	5,536,251	07/16/1996	Evard et al.
— 120	5,544,802	08/13/1996	Crainich
— 121	5,560,532	10/01/1996	DeFonzo et al.
— 122	5,591,205	01/07/1997	Fowler
— 123	5,601,602	02/11/1997	Fowler
— 124	5,620,461	04/15/1997	Muijs et al.
— 125	5,643,318	07/01/1997	Tsukernik et al.
— 126	5,645,565	07/08/1997	Rudd et al.
— 127	5,645,566	07/08/1997	Brenneman et al.
— 128	5,645,567	07/08/1997	Crainich
— 129	5,674,231	10/07/1997	Green et al.
— 130	5,676,689	10/14/1997	Kensey et al.
— 131	5,676,974	10/14/1997	Valdes et al.
— 132	5,683,405	11/04/1997	Yacoubian et al.
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— 133	5,690,674	11/25/1997	Diaz

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/NTV/	134	5,695,504	12/09/1997	Gifford, III et al.
	135	5,695,505	12/09/1997	Yoon
	136	5,716,375	02/10/1998	Fowler
	137	5,725,554	03/10/1998	Simon et al.
	138	5,728,114	03/17/1998	Evans et al.
	139	5,728,122	03/17/1998	Leschinsky et al.
	140	5,728,132	03/17/1998	Van Tassel et al.
	141	5,732,872	03/31/1998	Bolduc et al.
	142	5,782,844	07/21/1998	Yoon et al.
	143	5,782,860	07/21/1998	Epstein et al.
	144	5,782,861	07/21/1998	Cragg et al.
	145	5,810,776	09/22/1998	Bacich et al.
	146	5,810,846	09/22/1998	Virnich et al.
	147	5,810,851	09/22/1998	Yoon
/NTV/	148	5,817,113	10/06/1998	Gifford, III et al.

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— 149	5,820,631	10/13/1998	Nobles
— 150	5,830,125	11/03/1998	Scribner et al.
— 151	5,855,312	01/05/1999	Toledano
— 152	5,861,005	01/19/1999	Kontos
— 153	5,871,474	02/16/1999	Hermann et al.
— 154	5,871,501	02/16/1999	Leschinsky et al.
— 155	5,871,525	02/16/1999	Edwards et al.
— 156	5,879,366	03/09/1999	Shaw et al.
— 157	5,902,310	05/11/1999	Foerster et al.
— 158	5,904,697	05/18/1999	Gifford, III et al.
— 159	5,910,155	06/08/1999	Ratcliff et al.
— 160	5,922,009	07/13/1999	Epstein et al.
— 161	5,935,147	08/10/1999	Kensey et al.
— 162	5,941,890	08/24/1999	Voegelé et al.
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— 163	5,951,518	09/14/1999	Licata et al.

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164	5,951,589	09/14/1999	Epstein et al.
165	5,964,782	10/12/1999	Lafontaine et al.
166	5,984,934	11/16/1999	Ashby et al.
167	5,984,949	11/16/1999	Levin
168	5,993,468	11/30/1999	Rygaard
169	6,004,341	12/21/1999	Zhu et al.
170	6,007,563	12/28/1999	Nash et al.
171	6,022,372	02/08/2000	Kontos
172	6,030,364	02/29/2000	Durgin et al.
173	6,036,720	03/14/2000	Abrams et al.
174	6,045,570	04/04/2000	Epstein et al.
175	6,048,358	04/11/2000	Barak
176	6,056,768	05/02/2000	Cates et al.
177	6,056,769	05/02/2000	Epstein et al.
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178	6,056,770	05/02/2000	Epstein et al.

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— 179	6,063,085	05/16/2000	Tay et al.
— 180	6,077,281	06/20/2000	Das
— 181	6,077,291	06/20/2000	Das
— 182	6,080,182	06/27/2000	Shaw et al.
— 183	6,080,183	06/27/2000	Tsugita et al.
— 184	6,090,130	07/18/2000	Nash et al.
— 185	6,110,184	08/29/2000	Weadock
— 186	6,113,612	09/05/2000	Swanson et al.
— 187	6,117,148	09/12/2000	Ravo
— 188	6,120,524	09/19/2000	Taheri
— 189	6,149,660	11/21/2000	Laufer et al.
— 190	6,149,667	11/21/2000	Hovland et al.
— 191	6,152,937	11/28/2000	Peterson et al.
↓ 192	6,197,042	03/06/2001	Ginn et al.
/NTV/193	6,277,140	08/21/2001	Ginn et al.

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	195	6,305,891	10/23/2001	Burlingame
	196	6,322,580	11/27/2001	Kanner
	197	6,334,865	01/01/2002	Redmond et al.
	198	6,348,064	02/19/2002	Kanner
	199	6,391,048	05/21/2002	Ginn et al.
	200	6,398,752	06/04/2002	Sweezer et al.
	201	6,402,765	06/11/2002	Monassevitch et al.
	202	6,409,739	06/25/2002	Nobles et al.
	203	6,428,548	08/06/2002	Durgin et al.
	204	6,443,158	09/03/2002	Lafontaine et al.
	205	6,450,391	09/17/2002	Kayan et al.
	206	6,461,364	10/08/2002	Ginn et al.
	207	6,488,692	12/03/2002	Spence et al.
/NTV/	208	6,506,210	01/14/2003	Kanner

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/NTV/	209	03/18/2003	Kanner et al.
	210	04/15/2003	Ding
	211	06/24/2003	Coleman et al.
	212	08/05/2003	Swanson et al.
	213	09/09/2003	Coleman et al.
	214	09/23/2003	Carley et al.
	215	09/30/2003	Ginn et al.
	216	10/14/2003	Ginn et al.
	217	10/21/2003	Chen
	218	11/11/2003	Ginn
	219	11/25/2003	Kayan et al.
	220	12/30/2003	Coleman et al.
	221	01/20/2004	Gleeson et al.
	222	02/24/2004	Ginn et al.
/NTV/	223	04/13/2004	Ginn et al.

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/NTV/			
— 224	6,726,704	04/27/2004	Loshakove et al.
— 225	6,749,621	06/15/2004	Pantages et al.
— 226	6,755,842	06/29/2004	Kanner et al.
— 227	6,767,356	07/27/2004	Kanner et al.
— 228	6,780,197	02/21/2002	Carley et al.
— 229	6,926,731	08/09/2005	Coleman et al.
— 230	6,942,674	09/13/2005	Belef et al.
— 231	7,001,398	02/21/2006	Carley et al.
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